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REFORM IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have formulated any scheme to reform in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated by the Government for implementation of this scheme;

(d) the number of States which have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)with Union Government for undertaking reform in power sector; and

(e) the total amount of financial assistance extended to these States and also additional power supplied to them as on December 31, 2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : In order to upgrade the sub-transmission and distribution network with the objective of accomplishing reduction of transmission and distribution (technical and commercial) losses, reduction in cash losses by State Electricity Boards/Utilities and supply of reliable and interruption free power, the Government of India introduced the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) in February, 2001 now rechristened as Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme.

Funds under APDRP will be provided for measures like metering of 11 kVfeeders, replacement of defective meters, replacement of conductors and transformers, bifurcating power loaded conductors and transformers, renovation of sub-station and information technology, etc.

(d) : 26 States have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with theMinistry of Power for undertaking reforms and restructuring of the power sector in a time bound manner and linking the support of Government of India to achievement ofpredetermined milestones.

(e) : An amount of Rs.978.13 crores was released to the States in the year2000-01 and an amount of Rs.1087.59 crores has been released till date in present financial year under APDRP scheme.Under the provisions of the MoU signed with thevarious States, as on 31.12.2002, Karnataka has been allocated an additional 80 MWpower from the unallocated quota of Neyveli Lignite Thermal Power Station Stage-II andMadhya Pradesh has been allocated an additional 50 MW power from the NationalThermal Power Corporation Stations in Eastern Region.